अनुमोदन कर दिए जाने के बाद स्कीम के ब्यौरे तैयार करके उन्हें अधिसूचित किया जाएगा ।

(ग) और (घ) जी, हां ।

(ङ) जी, नहीं । हालांकि कुछेक जोन-एककों का कार्य-निष्पादन हो सकता है, संतोषजनक नहीं किन्तु निर्यात संसाधन जोनों से होने वाले निर्यातों में सामान्यतः उत्साहजनक वृद्धि दिखाई देती है ।

Decline in the rate of export

3171. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India's exports during the first two months of current financial year registered a 29.6 per cent growth in dollar terms over the level in the corresponding months of the previous year ; if so, the details thereof ;

(b) whether according to government if the present trend continues, the country may exceed the target of 20 per cent export growth in dollar terms during 1993-94 ;

(c) if so, in what special terms the Government propose to achieve such a goal ;

(d) whether Government are aware that there has been a consistant fall in the dollar receipts from exports during April-May of the last three years ; and

(e) what are the details for April-May 1990 ; April-May 1992 the reasons for such a continued fall ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir. Exports during April-May, 1993 are provisionally estimated at US $ 3458.58 million as against US $ 2666.83 million during April-May 1992 registering a growth of 29.69%.

(b) Export during the first quarter of 1993-94 have registered a growth of 27.76% in US dollar terms. If the present trend continues, the target is likely to be achieved.

(c) The Government have taken major steps for liberalisation of trade which include provisions such as, exports linked imports, reduction of import licensing, strengthening export incentives, removal of procedural irritants through simplification of policy and procedure and pruning of negative list of exports. In the 93-94 Budget, the system of market determined unified exchange rate has been introduced, customs and excise duties reduced on raw materials and capital goods and interest rate on rupee export credit has been reduced. Besides, 34 commodities have been identified as Extreme Focus Sectors for a special export thrust abroad. The EXIM Policy 92—97 has been amended to include a scheme of export oriented units for agriculture and allied products. The State Governments are also being involved in export promotion efforts.

(d) and (e) The value of exports during the period April-May 1990 to April-May 1993 in US $ terms are given below :

(In US $ Million)

April-May	Value of Exports
1990-91	2931.44
1991-92	2827.93
1992-93	2666.83
1993-94	3458.58

There was a decline in exports during April-May 91 & April-May 92 compared to April-May-90. However, there is increase in exports in April-May 93, compared to all the previous three years.

The decline in exports in April-May, 91 & April-May 92 was due primarily to a fall in exports to former RPA countries.

EPZ Near Bangalore

3172. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Centre had earlier rejected a proposal from the government of Karnataka for establishment of Export Processing Zone near Bangalore and if so, the reasons therefor ;

(b) whether the Centre would reconsider its stance in regard to accord of approval for an EPZ near Bangalore, in view of the excellent potential that Bangalore offers for exports ; and

(c) whether the Centre would expedite its decision so as to enable the State Government to modify the Export Oriented Industrial Zone project already under implementation to a fullfledged EPZ ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (c) Government had received a proposal to develop as an EPZ an Industrial Zone being established by the State Govt. at Whitefield, near Bangalore. Keeping in mind the availability of

financial resources and the need to optimize the infrastructure in the existing EPZs, there is at present no proposal to set up additional zones in the country.

Bureaucratic Meddling in Export Promotions

3173. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the bureaucracy continues to torment trade and Industry engaged in exports with outdated procedures and red tape continues to tie up export business in knots ;

(b) if so, what are the details of the formalities and procedures which an exporter has still to comply with and discretionary powers enjoyed by the authorities in the Commerce Ministry in respect of exports ;

(c) whether Government propose to do away with the outdated procedures which are treated as hurdles in boosting our exports ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (d) No, Sir. The policies and procedures for exports are formulated in consultation with the concerned Administrative Ministries. In keeping with the general policy of liberalisation, a number of procedures have been rationalised and the formalities reduced to the minimum. Only those procedures which are absolutely necessary to safeguard Government interests, prevent leakage of revenues and misutilisation of foreign exchange are insisted upon for compliance. A compendium of these procedures entitled 'Handbook of Procedures Volume I & II 1992—97' is available in the Parliament Library.

The descretionary powers are resorted to only in very few cases where the strict application of the policy or procedure is likely to affect trade adversely. The Import-Export Policy is kept constantly under review for changes necessitated by the emerging developments in the areas of trade and commerce.

Raid Conducted by Vigilance of Tobacco Board

3174. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that vigilance wing of Tobacco Board booked several traders who indulged in tobacco purchases out side the auction platforms ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the incharge officer of these raids is transferred ; if so, what are the reasons therefor ; and

(d) in what manner the board justify the transfer ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) During 1993 Andhra Pradesh auctions, the Vigilance Squad of Tobacco Board conducted raids on the premises of tobacco traders and detected tobacco suspected to have been purchased outside the auction platforms in forty cases. Further details of cases where a prima facie case is made out and the action taken against them are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) and (d) The Vigilance Squad was constituted only for the auction period. There is no regular post of officer-incharge, Vigilance Wing in the Tobacco Board. Therefore, on completion of auctions in Andhra Pradesh, the officer in the cadre of Auction Superintendent who was temporarily made incharge of the Vigilance Squad had to be transferred. He was then given posting against a regular post of auction superintendent incharge of a platform.

3175 [Transferred to 27th August, 1993]

Import of Edible Oil

3176. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY : SHRI SOM PAL :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total quantity and value of edible oils imported by the country during the last three years ;

(b) what are the item-wise details of prices paid for such edible oil ;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government still hold some stock of imported edible oil for releasing in the open market ;

(d) if so, what is the procedure for releasing these stocks ;

(e) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Agriculture and the oil seed growers association especially the co-operative organisations, have opposed the import of edible oil ; and